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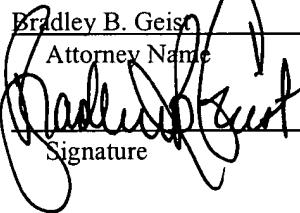
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Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application before examination as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS :

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Cancel claims 1-9 and substitute new claims 10-18.